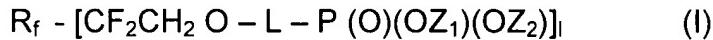


IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) ~~Concentrated compositions~~ Compositions comprising the following components:

A) a (per)fluoropolyether fluoropolyether phosphate of general formula:



wherein I = 1 or 2;

L is a bivalent linking group, preferably of the $(CHR_1CHR_2O)_n$ type

wherein R_1, R_2 equal to or different from each other are selected from H, CH_3 ; n is an integer in the range 1-50, preferably 1-6;

~~Z₁ and equal to or different from Z₂ are equal to or different from each other, and each is independently selected from H, alkaline or ammonium cation, di- or tri-alkanolammonium cation wherein alkanol comprises from 1 to 20 C atoms, di- or tri- or tetra-alkylammonium cation wherein alkyl comprises from 1 to 20 C atoms, or R_f - CF₂CH₂ - O - L;~~

~~R_f is a (per)fluoropolyether fluoropolyether or perfluoropolyether chain comprising one or more repeating units selected from the group consisting of one or more of the following ones:~~

- a) - (C_3F_6O) -;
- b) - (CF_2CF_2O) - ;
- c) - (CFL_0O) - , wherein $L_0 = -F, -CF_3$;
- d) - $CF_2(CF_2)_{z'}CF_2O-$, wherein z' is an integer 1 or 2;
- e) - $CH_2CF_2CF_2O$ - ;

when R_f is monofunctional ($I = 1$), an end group is of the perfluoroalkyl type selected from CF_3O , C_2F_5O , C_3F_7O ; optionally a fluorine atom in the perfluoroalkyl end groups is substituted by a chlorine or hydrogen atom;

- B) a solvent selected from the group consisting of following ones:
linear or branched alcohols from 2 to 3 carbon atoms and their corresponding methyl ethers; linear or branched glycols from 2 to 6 carbon atoms and their corresponding mono alkylethers wherein the linear or branched ether alkyl group comprises from 1 to 4 carbon atoms; and dimethoxy methane acetone; and
- C) water.

2. (Currently Amended) Compositions according to claim 1, wherein in the compound of general formula (I), Z_1 and Z_2 are different from $R_f - CF_2CH_2 - O - L$.

3. (Currently Amended) Compositions according to claim 1, wherein R_f is of (per)fluoropolyether fluoropolyether type and it is optionally selected from one of the following structures:

1) $- (CF_2O)_a - (CF_2CF_2O)_b -$

with b/a in the range 0.3-10, extremes included, a being an integer different from 0;

2) $- (CF_2 - (CF_2)_{z'} - CF_2O)_{b'} -$

wherein z' is an integer equal to 1 or 2;

3) $- (C_3F_6O)_r - (C_2F_4O)_b - (CFL_0O)_t - ,$

with $r/b = 0.5-2.0$ $(r+b)/t = 10-30$, b and t being integers different from 0;

4) $-(OC_3F_6)_r - (CFL_0O)_t - OCF_2 - R'_f - CF_2O - (C_3F_6O)_r - (CFL_0O)_t -$

5) $-(CF_2CF_2CH_2O)_{q'} - R'_f - O - (CH_2CF_2CF_2O)_{q'} -$

wherein:

R'_f is a fluoroalkylene group from 1 to 4 carbon atoms;

L_0 is selected between F, CF_3 ;

6) $- (C_3F_6O)_r - OCF_2 - R'_f - CF_2O - (C_3F_6O)_r -$

wherein in said formulas:

- (C_3F_6O) - can represent units of formula

- $(CF(CF_3)CF_2O)$ - and/or or - $(CF_2 - CF(CF_3)O)$ -

and a, b, b', q', r, t, are integers, whose sum is such that R_f has a number average molecular weight M_n , values in the range of about 300 and about 5,000.

4. (Currently Amended) Compositions according to claim 3, wherein the

(per)fluoropolyether fluoropolyether chain R_f is selected from the following

structures:

- $(CF_2O)_a - (CF_2CF_2O)_b -$;

- $(C_3F_6O)_r - (C_2F_4O)_b - (CFL_0O)_t -$;

- $(C_3F_6O)_r - (CFL_0O)_t -$;

wherein L_0 and the a, b, r, t indexes have the above mentioned value.

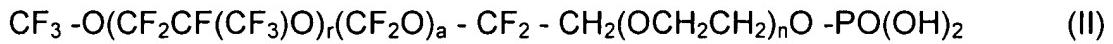
5. (Currently Amended) Compositions according to claim 3, wherein the

fluoropolyether chain R_f is $-(CF_2O)_a - (CF_2CF_2O)_b -$ and the a and b indexes are as

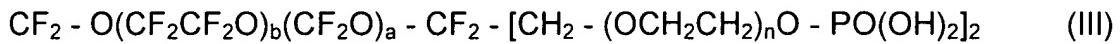
above indicated.

6. (Currently Amended) Compositions according to claim [[1]] 27, wherein the compounds of formula (I) are those having $L=(CH_2-CH_2O)_n$ with $n = 1-3$; Z_1 equal to or different from Z_2 is selected from H, NH_4 , or an alkaline metal cation; $I = 2$.

7. (Currently Amended) Compositions according to claim 1, wherein the component A is a (per)fluoropolyether fluoropolyether having the following formulas:



wherein $r/a=0.5-2.0$ and $n=1 - 2$;



wherein $b/a=0.5-3.0$ and $n=1 - 2$; wherein a, b and r have the above mentioned meaning.

8. (Currently Amended) Compositions according to claim 1, wherein component B is selected from: ethanol, ethylene glycol, isopropanol, propanol, acetone, methoxyethanol, propyleneglycol propylene glycol, propan-1,2-diol, dimethoxy methane, methoxy-isopropanol, diethylene glycol, butan-1,4-diol, diethyleneglycol diethylene glycol monoethylenether, pentan-1,2-diol, diethyleneglycol diethylene glycol monoethyl ether, dipropyleneglycol dipropylene glycol, dipropyleneglycol dipropylene glycol monomethylether, dipropyleneglycol dipropylene glycol monoethyl ether.

9. (Previously Presented) Compositions according to claim 1, wherein the amounts of each of the components A), B) and C) range from 0.01% to 70% by weight, the sum of A) + B) + C) being the 100% by weight of the composition.

10. (Original) Compositions according to claim 9, wherein the percentage by weight of component A) is in the range 20% - 40%, that of component B) in the range 30 - 70% and water in the range 5 - 30%.

11. (Currently Amended) A process for preparing ~~concentrated~~ compositions according to claim 1, comprising ~~the following steps:~~

[[-]] 1) solubilization or dispersion with partial solubilization of a ~~(per)fluoropolyether~~ fluoropolyether phosphate component A) in component B) at room temperature under mild stirring;

[[-]] 2) addition under stirring ~~, to the previous mixture,~~ of water component C) initially dropwise, so that component A) is not separated from the solvent, dispersing the drop so that the initial appearance of the solution is recovered before adding the subsequent ones, the water aliquots are gradually increased until the addition is completed, obtaining a limpid solution.

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21. (Currently Amended) Compositions according to claim 1 wherein alkanol comprises 1 – 4 C atoms or alkyl comprises 1 – 4 C atoms.

22. (Previously Presented) Compositions according to claim 2 wherein $Z_1 = Z_2 = H$ and $I = 2$.

23. (Previously Presented) Compositions according to claim 3 wherein \bar{M}_n , values are in the range of 800 – 2,500.

24. (Currently Amended) Compositions according to claim 8 wherein component B) is selected from ethanol, isopropanol or propylene glycol [[glyol]].

25. (Previously Presented) Compositions according to claim 9 wherein the amounts of the components A), B) and C) range from 20% to 40% by weight.

26. (New) Compositions according to claim 1 wherein L is $(CHR_1CHR_2O)_n$, wherein R_1 and R_2 are equal to or different from each other and are selected from H and CH_3 ; and n is an integer in the range of 1-50.

27. (New) Compositions according to claim 26, wherein n is an integer in the range of 1-6.